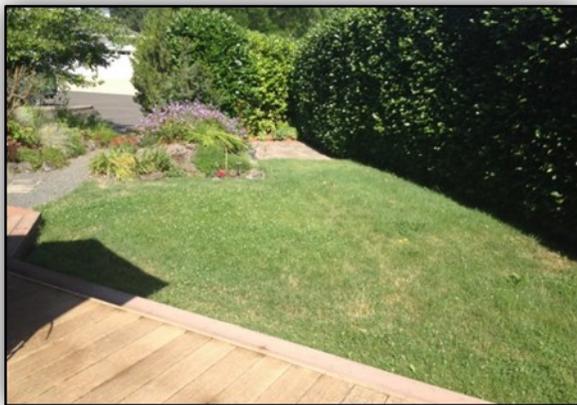




Lawn Replacement Program

Need a change in perspective? How about a new landscape?

If you've been considering replacing your lawn with water wise landscaping, now is the time to do it! Rebates are available now through June 2018 for replacing water thirsty green lawns that use potable city water with water-wise landscaping. There are many colorful drought tolerant plants to choose from. Add some character to your landscape this summer and save some water while you're at it.



Will I Actually Save Water?

Great question! Most of our Lawn Replacement Program (LRP) participants do save water. In

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**City offices will be closed
September 4, 2017, for Labor Day.**

**We apologize for any
inconvenience this may cause.**



Historic District Tours

Interested in Ashland's history? Join Terry Skibby weekly for walking tours of the Historic District. These tours run on a weekly basis from **May – September 29, 2017**. Tours last approximately 1 ½ hours. For more information, please call Community Development at 541-488-5305.

- **Every Friday**, meet at the gazebo at Railroad Park on 'A' Street at 10:00 a.m. to tour through the Railroad District.
 - **Every Sunday**, meet at 51 Winburn Way (the Community Development Building) at 10:00 a.m. to tour High Street, Manzanita, and North Main Streets. This tour will also include Skidmore Academy, Briscoe School and Methodist Church locations.
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2017 Tree of the Year Nomination

Do you have particular tree in our community that inspires you every time you see it? Every fall, the citizens of Ashland vote for their favorite tree to be selected as Ashland's Tree of the Year. Now is the time to nominate a tree that speaks to you. Just fill out the nomination form below and send it to Derek Severson at the Planning Department, 20 East Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520; or email your nomination to derek.severson@ashland.or.us.

2017 Tree of the Year Nomination Form



I nominate _____

Located at _____

Property owner (if known) _____

Why is this tree special? (Use a separate sheet of paper if needed)

My Info (name, address, phone number, email) _____

Please send completed nomination forms to Tree Commission, Attn: Derek Severson, 20 East Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520. *Nominated trees should be visible from the street and NOT located within a city park or right-of-way. Nominations will be accepted until **Friday, September 22, 2017**.*

The list of nominated trees will be reduced by vote of the Tree Commissioners to the five. A ballot with the five finalists will follow.

Lawn Replacement

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fact, City staff recently did a water savings analysis reviewing the last two years of LRP participants' water use. On average they are saving 20,000 gallons per year, and several are saving over 100,000 gallons of water each summer. Isn't it time to see how much you can save?

The City of Ashland offers many great resources to assist you in managing your landscape. Check out the City's Water Wise Landscaping program at ashlandsaveswater.org for more ideas on how to create a landscape that is healthy, attractive and uses less water.

The newest addition to the Water Wise website is the Outdoor Watering Calculator. This water calculator is intended to give you essential advice on how to set and manage your controller properly.

Don't forget! You can get a personalized irrigation schedule and irrigation evaluation for FREE! If you need help, simply call 541-552-2421 or email Julie.smitherman@ashland.or.us to schedule your appointment.

Weed Abatement Continues

Ashland Fire & Rescue would like to remind everyone that the Weed Abatement Ordinance requires dry grasses and weeds continue to be maintained at under 4 inches until the end of fire season is declared. Weed abatement inspections will continue until the end of fire season. Non-compliant properties will be issued a notice to abate and fined up to \$500 per day. Please visit ashland.or.us/weedabatement for more information. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping Ashland fire safe!

Back to School Safety Checklist

In the coming weeks, parents and students will be getting ready to go back to school. Most students will receive a checklist of supplies they will need for the new school year. Teachers, students, parents, and school buses will be back on the road, so we need to think of a safety checklist to go with the student's

supplies checklist. No matter if your mode of transportation is by car, bus, bike, or foot, this checklist applies to you:

- Drive the speed limit - 20 miles per hour in all school zones.
- Drive or ride with lights on or wear reflective clothing - be visible.
- Travel without distractions - cell phones, food, applying makeup, changing the radio stations, etc. are all distractions.
- Watch for people crossing the street, getting out of cars, or coming out from between parked cars.
- For bike and pedestrian commuters - keep your head up and avoid hats or hoods that limit your side vision.
- Be a positive role model - wear your seat belt or helmet every time.

While the start of a new school year can be exciting, it is also an adjustment for the people who travel in and around school zones each day. Remember this safety checklist and keep school zones safe for everyone.

Stay Connected!

The City of Ashland Police Department in conjunction with Ashland Fire and Rescue is pleased to launch a new mobile application for IOS, Android and Windows phones.

The free app, titled 'Ashland Oregon Police,' is another tool to connect our emergency service providers with members of the Ashland community through their smartphones.

Through the app both the Ashland Police Department and Ashland Fire & Rescue can send alerts about critical events and safety concerns to users. In turn, citizens can use the app to notify the City about a variety of non-emergency issues such as graffiti, weed abatement, lost and found items and more. It also provides easy one touch dialing for non-emergency calls.

"This is another means to connect with people in our community including those who don't have social media accounts. It is not a replacement for reporting an

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News Notes

Oregon Native American Basketry

Students will learn about traditional Native American culture and history, traditional plants and their uses, traditional weaving techniques, plant identification, harvesting and preparing methods and Native American vocabulary. Students should bring a water bottle, knife, towel or apron, pen and paper. Students will weave a cedar basket with sweet-grass sedge. Please register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

AGES 12 & up

DATE September 9

TIME 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE NMP Nature Center

COST \$150.00

INSTRUCTOR Stephanie Craig is an enrolled member of the Grand Ronde Tribe, and a 7th generation traditional basket weaver, with a BA & MA in Cultural Anthropology.

Is a Firewise & Deer Resistant Landscape Possible? Yes!

Firewise landscaping has become increasingly important in the Rogue Valley. Come learn about best planting and maintenance practices as well as deer-resistant and Firewise plant options. Please register online at ashland.or.us/register or call the Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

AGES 18 & up

DATE September 28

TIME 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

PLACE NMP Nature Center

COST \$18

INSTRUCTOR Christie Mackison is co-owner of the Shooting Star Nursery and offers landscape design and consultations.

Daniel Meyer Pool

Daniel Meyer Pool, an outdoor facility located in Hunter Park, 1705 Homes Ave, will be open through Friday, September 8, 2017.

View complete information at ashland.or.us/Swim. The pool can be reached directly at 541-488-0313.

Stay Connected

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emergency. In the event of an emergency, always call 9-1-1," says Chief O'Meara.

The app is available from the Apple Store, Google Play or through the Windows store.

September City Calendar

City Council

Business Meetings: Sept. 5 & 19 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Sessions: Sept. 18 | 5:30 p.m.

Airport Commission

Sept. 5 | 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission

Sept. 27 | 6:00 p.m.

Forest Lands Commission

Sept. 12 | 5:30 p.m.

Historic Commission

Sept. 6 | 6:00 p.m.

Housing and Human Services Comm.

Sept. 28 | 4:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Business Meeting: Sept. 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: Sept. 18 | 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Business Meeting: Sept. 12 | 7:00 p.m.

Study Session: Sept. 26 | 7:00 p.m.

Public Art Commission

Sept. 15 | 8:00 a.m.

Transportation Commission

Sept. 28 | 6:00 p.m.

Tree Commission

Sept. 7 | 6:00 p.m.

Wildfire Mitigation Commission

Sept. 21 | 11:00 a.m.

▲ Meetings are held at Council Chambers, 1175 East Main or at 51 Winburn Way and are open to the public. ▲ TTY 1-800-735-2900. ▲ City Council and many other city meetings are broadcast live on channel 9. Charter Communications customers will find city meetings on channels 180 and 181. Meetings also stream live on the internet at rvtv.sou.edu.